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COMMUNICATIONS, INC.'S
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 271
OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
ACT OF 1996

DOCKET NO. T-00000A-97-0238

**COVAD COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO QWEST'S
MOTION TO STRIKE AND WITHDRAWAL OF REPLY BRIEF ON
INTERCONNECTION AND COLLOCATION IMPASSE ISSUES**

Covad Communications Company ("Covad") respectfully submits this Response to Qwest's Motion to Strike and Withdrawal of Reply Brief on Interconnection and Collocation Impasse Issues. As grounds in support of this Response and Withdrawal, Covad states as follows:

1. During the month of February 2001, responsibility for the representation of Covad in this docket was transitioned from one Covad attorney to another. Although counsel attempted to make that transition as smooth as possible, certain items, including the elimination of reply briefs on the interconnection and collocation impasse issues, were not included in the transfer of files and information.

2. As a consequence, Covad's reply brief was prepared and filed as a result of innocent error. Covad in no way was attempting to put Qwest at a disadvantage; to the contrary, had Qwest extended the professional courtesy of contacting counsel for Covad

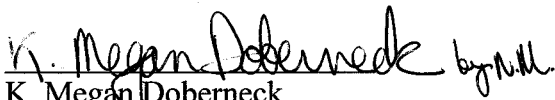
prior to filing its motion to strike, Covad voluntarily would have withdrawn its reply brief.

3. Consistent with the preceding paragraphs, Covad respectfully withdraws its Reply Brief.

Dated: April 23, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

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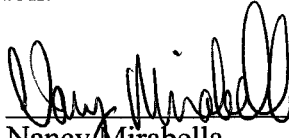
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